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Testimony of Department of Motor Vehicles
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Proposed H.B. No. 6022, AN ACT ALLOWING THE USE OF CERTAIN THREE-WHEELED VEHICLES ON LOCAL ROADS.

Good morning Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrera, Senator Boucher, Representative Scribner and other members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on proposed H.B. No. 6022, AN ACT ALLOWING THE USE OF CERTAIN THREE-WHEELED VEHICLES ON LOCAL ROADS.

The Department has several concerns regarding this proposal. In general terms, three-wheeled vehicles are not a motor vehicle nor a motorcycle as defined in Connecticut statutes. Also, such three wheeled vehicles do not meet federal motor vehicle safety standards and are not appropriate for operation on any roads in Connecticut, including local roads. Such three-wheeled vehicles pose safety risks not only for the operator of the vehicle but also for the motoring public. Their slower speeds hinder the flow of traffic and cannot be driven on a roadway that safely allows standard motor vehicles to pass, such as in the case of a moped.

As a result of these public safety hazards associated with these three-wheeled vehicles, DMV is opposed to this bill.

Thank you again for allowing me to testify on this proposed legislation.